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Day School celebrates the Fourth

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The Belchertown Day School held a parade for the residents at Christopher Heights Assisted Living of Belchertown on July 3. They paraded, sang and handed out popsicles to everyone. **See more photos on Page 12.**

Town unveils new website

Future communications discussed

BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN – Members of the Communications Committee presented results from a survey to the Selectboard at its recent meeting. The committee also announced the launch of the town's new website, which fully launched on Tuesday, July 10.

Findings from the survey included residents' desire for improved streaming quality of municipal meetings, a newsletter or blog providing updates on government activities, events and infrastructure projects and a cohesive communication strategy.

Communications Committee Chair Chris Martin and Vice Chair Ed Comeau spoke to the board about the online survey to understand residents' sources for information.

Overall, only 55% of survey respondents are satisfied with the town's communications.

Comeau provided context that it was a self-selected survey, rather than a randomized survey.

"For example, when we asked how do people get their information, a vast majority of people said Facebook," he said. "But also a vast majority of people responded via Facebook."

He said there was a clear desire for a newsletter about what is going on in the community.

"I can clearly understand because I think I'm one of those people who is tired of having to go here, here and here to get my information," he said. "I'd really love to get it in one fell swoop."

He said having a blog or newsletter would allow avoid problems such as informing people about Jabish Brook Middle School throughout the years-long process.

Another point from the survey was that those who use streaming through Belchertown Community Television to access meetings

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School committee accepts new football equipment

BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
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BELCHERTOWN – The school committee met last week to review the appointments of new officers within executive session and review the donation of new football equipment from the Belchertown Football Association.

Chair Heidi Gutekenst held the June 25 meeting, and she was joined by Vice Chair Ruby Bansal, Secretary Dr. Amy Wilson-LaMothe, and members Natalie Santana and Lamikco Magee.

Donation of football training equipment

The Belchertown Football Association submitted a donation proposal form to donate football practice training equipment valued at \$5,000-\$8,000.

"The purpose will be to help with training the team with bet-

ter equipment, which will possibly lead to less injuries," Superintendent Brian Cameron said.

The board moved to accept the donation of the equipment.

Cards from students showing appreciation for the Acceptance Club

Cameron also announced that he received about 50 cards from students and other members of the board, sharing their appreciations and excitement for the new Acceptance Club installed in the school last year.

The students wrote that the club has had a positive influence on them, their friendships, mental health, and overall well-being at the school.

"I think it's important, because this helps everyone feel equal, so I just wanted to share," Cameron said.

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Homemade candles made from locally sourced beeswax makes the perfect gift or addition to any space.

Local farmer's market kicks off the summer

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BELCHERTOWN – The season for farmers markets has officially arrived, and locals can find one right in their own town on the common.

Every Sunday through Oct. 6, there will be a market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be two dates in the winter for markets. The market will not operate during the week-end of the Belchertown Fair.

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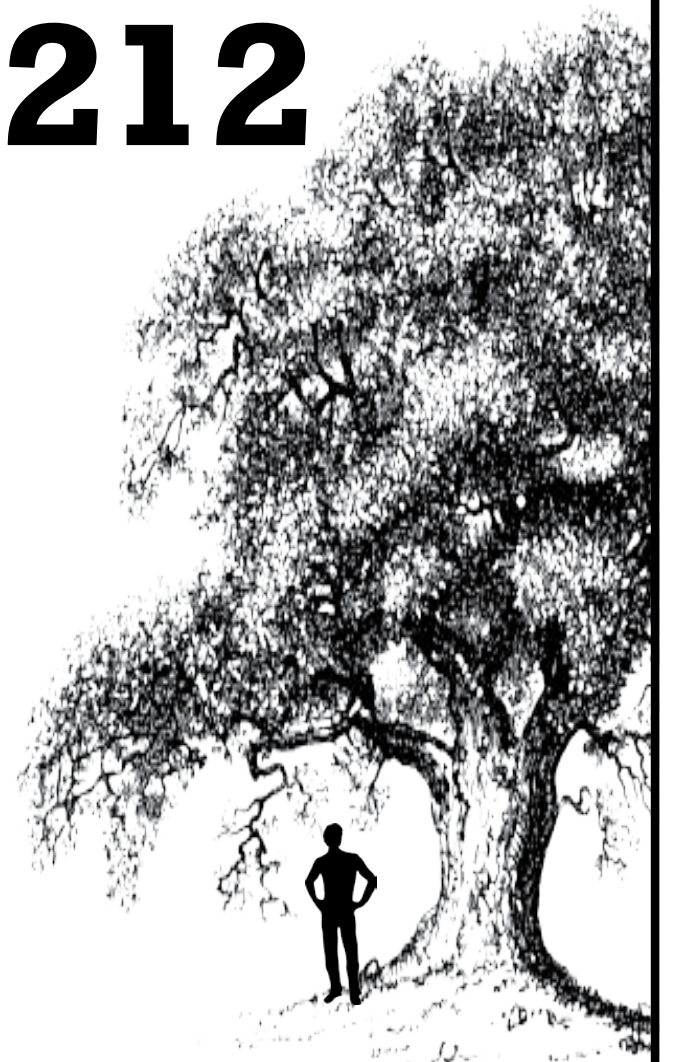
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COMMUNITY

Knitting Club finds home at Clapp Memorial Library

BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
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BELCHERTOWN – Clapp Memorial Library is home to many groups and clubs, and the knitting group, called the Woolies, is one of the many the library has welcomed.

Spearheaded in 2018 by Brenda Aldrich with the help of Jennifer Whitehead, the group has been going strong with two groups, one on Thursday nights, and the other on Saturday mornings.

“I was so excited when Jennifer Whitehead asked me to facilitate this group,” Aldrich said. “I have been knitting and crocheting for over sixty years, and my grandmother taught me when I was five years old.”

The group is home to a range of skill-levels from beginner to advanced, and the group comes together to enjoy some time together in fellowship and enjoying their craft.

“What I love about our group is that we all come from different backgrounds and experiences,” Aldrich said. “We are a very supportive group. We encourage each other and love sharing our ideas and opinions on what we are working on.”

One member of the group,

Sarah Maddison, makes little gnomes and hides them on the shelves in the library for the children to find.

“It’s fun to share things about life and do some crafts,” member Nancy Carter said. “The library is a great space, and it was looking to bring community members together.”

“(The library) really welcomed the idea of a craft group,” Alice Knittel, another member of the Woolies, said while working on her scarf.

“I haven’t been with the group very long, but you can come and talk about anything, and people listen,” Carol Prescott said, showing her beautiful rainbow socks.

Nancy Carter has been crocheting a bouquet of mums with different colored yarn and enjoys making “grippers” for opening jar lids with ease.

Suzy Blodgett is knitting together an adorable black and yellow hat with a bumblebee attached, and Dona Lowe is creating an adorable turkey.

Brenda Aldrich has been working on an Irish knit sweater for her husband, and a crochet granny square Afghan for her daughter.

The members of the group come together to work on their projects, mostly gifts for their friends and families, and find



The Woolies group sits together and enjoys a morning of knitting and discussion amongst friends.

TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

peace in each other’s company. “Having a group to create with is wonderful. Everyone is invit-

ed,” Aldrich said. If you can knit, crochet, felt, embroider, or anything, come and

join the Woolies, and get ready for a relaxing session of crafting and discussion with new friends.

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Discussing District Improvement goals

Some members of the community came to speak on one of the board’s improvement goals, sharing a desire to see the club promote Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging, following those standards and supports.

They shared how they wanted to see teachers get the training required in order to handle and process the various challenges that may come.

Ensuring this training will then help prepare teachers to engage with students and deal with different situations that may arise within the club, including issues of sexual harassment.

“When we have these difficult conversations, there needs to be adequate training to solve these issues, because they can get really

bad really fast,” Vice Chair Ruby Bansal said.

The board then discussed and shared their thoughts on the goal, rating them proficient and exemplary in the ways in which they reach the standards of the boards.

New business

The board discussed the MASC Invoice for Policy Manual, and reviewed and signed it to pay a total of \$6,136 for membership to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

They also reviewed what to do with old textbooks that were no longer in use, to remove them as they are falling apart and no longer of use. The board moved to allow for their disposal.

They briefly discussed other subcommittees, waiting on official reports from them, as well as looking at a future meeting to discuss these further.

St. Francis Giant Tag Sale set for Aug. 24

BELCHERTOWN— The annual St. Francis Giant Tag Sale returns to the Belchertown Town Common on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Tag Sale Team will accept donations for a two-week period from Aug. 4 to Aug. 18 only.

On Sunday, Aug. 4, at noon, the doors to the Pine Room on the lower level of the St. Francis Parish Hall on Park Street will open to accept donations. Donations will be accepted Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday donations will be accepted noon to 5 p.m.

After volunteers spend hundreds of hours sorting and boxing, the many donated items become the treasured inventory

of the well-organized and departmentalized St. Francis Parish Giant Tag Sale that will occupy nearly half of the Town Common on Aug. 24. The finished Tag Sale effort will resemble the large well thought out department stores of days gone-by.

When donors are searching for their personal treasures for donation possibilities, the Tag Sale Team encourages donors to consider the following items: bed and table linens, craft items, hardware, kitchenware, luggage, backpacks, handbags, children’s clothes up to 4T, small working appliances, working lamps, toys, pictures, frames, holiday decorations, hand tools, yard tools, jewelry,

shoes, boots, sporting goods, children’s books, cookbooks, baby gear, small but not-upholstered furniture, knick-knacks, and collectibles. Candles, clothing, pillows, and large furniture items are not accepted. All items that are dropped off will only be included if they are clean and in working condition. The Team requests that donors clear all donated items of storage dust, bugs, mold, and critter residue. All donors and their donations will be greeted by a volunteer worker.

The proceeds from this annual effort are earmarked for a new parish hall which will be built on the present grounds of the Jabish Street church.



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COMMUNITY

Planning Board hosts several public hearings

BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS
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BELCHERTOWN – The Planning Board met last week to meet with several community members regarding various special permit requests for accessory apartments, including revisiting and continuing past public hearings.

The June 25 meeting was led by Chair Daniel Beaudette, and he was accompanied by Vice Chair Michael Hofler, Clerk Justin Rosinski, and members Elizabeth Pols and Bjorn Markeson.

Public hearings

Applicant Nancy Fletcher came to the board for a Public Hearing regarding an accessory Apartment Application on 1029 Federal St.

Fletcher introduced the board to her property, and the space she has, as well as her desire to add an accessory apartment to her current residence on Federal Street.

The board approved of the special permit, and cautioned Fletcher to ensure that the septic tank is brought up to date, and necessary fixes are made in order to ensure the apartment meets standards.

“The special permit will require that you occupy either the main house, or this accessory apartment,” Hofler said.

The board moved on from the hearing, and after ensuring there were no comments from the public, Fletcher thanked the board and those gathered.

The next public hearing, concerned the request of applicant David Maheu to add an accessory apartment to his property at 45 Kopec Avenue.

Maheu showed the board a drawing plan of the changes he wanted to make to the property, and specifically, the path leading into the house, and more.

Beaudette opened the floor to the public to ask questions, and having none, moved forward to review the final talking points and the board moved to approve the application for the accessory apartment.

Maheu asked for clarification on the paperwork and the process, as how to sign and where to submit it when the time comes.

Beaudette advises that Maheu have a discussion with the building director, in order to determine the scale of the building and the work to be done in the coming weeks.

The next applicant, Sheree Loftus-Fader, came to the board with an accessory apartment application for her property at 35 Lake Drive.

“The idea is that...they can come up onto the deck at the same level,” Loftus-Fader said, explaining her plan to convert her property to have the accessory apartment for close friends to stay in.

The board shared their concerns, however, as the addition is an existing building, is uninhabited, and agreed to address more of the specifics of the application itself, and agreed to continue the meeting at the next meeting on July 9 at 7 p.m.

Continued hearings

The board then moved into continued public hearings, beginning with Robert Wojtczak, owner of the property on 67 Pondview Circle from the last meeting.

The postponement was because the board was going to be bringing a new plan for square-footage to town meeting to be voted on, and it passed, allowing Wojtczak time to adjust his plans as necessary.

He shared that he wants to build a “Fun Cave”, as his daughter calls it, with a noticeable increase in the overall size of the house.

The board moved to come back to the board for more discussion on July 9 at 7:30 p.m., to discuss further the specifics of the project, and next steps.

The board also continued a hearing for Partrick and Nancy McMorrow, regarding the special permit request for Gold Street.

The meeting was postponed because of some engineering to do and peer review of engineering regarding the project and its specifics.

McMorrow expressed their desire to share with the board that her desire was to check in and “cover our bases” regarding the plans for the property, as well as changes and alterations they wish to make to the original plans regarding the new bylaws.

The McMorrow's came to the board with their new plans, now based on the updated bylaw, and the new construction and dimensions of the driveway, and more.

The board moved to continue the meeting to July 9, with a final time to be determined in order to address these concerns and get the needed decisions made.

Regular business

In between public hearings, the board reviewed and approved of the payment of various bills, as well as reviewing and approving past minutes from June 11.

The Town Planner, Doug Albertson, also gave a report regarding various business items the Planning Board is working towards completing.



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Tom Hastings of Craig Hill Farm, filling out the survey that Jennifer Whitehead, Youth Librarian, invited him to complete.

Resident feedback needed

BELCHERTOWN— The Town of Belchertown Department of Public Works, Creative Economy Initiative, and Clapp Memorial Library are collaborating to brighten your Transfer Station experience with murals focused on the theme of sustainability. Together, they are seeking residents’ ideas and feedback to guide the mural and suggest the kinds of imagery that will enliven the painted containers.

Ideas and feedback have been collected on-site at the Transfer Station on June 25 and June 26. The cross-departmental collaborative leading this project has also created an online survey for residents. They are continuing to collect feedback online

through July 5. Interested residents are urged to take the brief online survey, and can use the following QR code to access it.

Resident feedback, once collected, will be compiled and shared as an integral part of the call for mural artists, guiding the design of the painted container murals. As the project progresses, the DPW, Library, and Creative Economy will continue to post updates and invite residents to take part in celebrating the completed murals. The Town of Belchertown was a 2024 grantee of the Making It Public training series and grant program, offered jointly by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and New England Foundation for the Arts.

BCTV Schedule

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| <p>Tuesday, July 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. Planning Board – July 9 • 10 a.m. Board of Health – July 10 • 7 p.m. Planning Board – July 9 • 9 p.m. Board of Health – July 10 | <p>Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 p.m. Christ Community Church • 7 p.m. Hope United Methodist Church |
| <p>Friday, July 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman • 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman | <p>Monday, July 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman • 9 a.m. Clapp - The Rescue of Angeline Palmer • 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman • 6:30 p.m. Select Board - Channel 191 |
| <p>Saturday, July 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. This Month at the Clapp - July • 8:30 a.m. Clapp - The Rescue of Angeline Palmer • 4:30 p.m. This Month at the Clapp - July • 7 p.m. Clapp - The Rescue of Angeline Palmer | <p>Tuesday, July 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. This Month at the Clapp - July • 7 p.m. This Month at the Clapp - July • 7:30 p.m. Clapp - The Rescue of Angeline Palmer |
| <p>Sunday, July 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30 p.m. St. Francis Roman Catholic | <p>Wednesday, July 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman • 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman |



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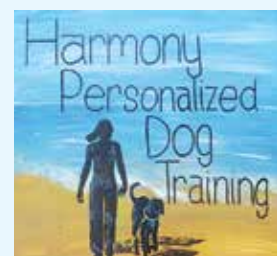
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COMMUNITY



Belchertown unveils new website

BELCHERTOWN— Belchertown has taken a significant step forward in enhancing its digital presence with the launch of a new website. The revamped site, accessible at www.belchertown.org, has a fresh look, improved navigation, and updated information aimed at better serving the community.

“Our goal for the website is to become a central portal for information relating to town events and administration,” said Select Board Chair Ed Boscher. “The old site had gone long past its usefulness, and it was time for a major overhaul, and we are incredibly pleased with how it turned out.”

The new site not only presents a more intuitive and user-friendly interface for residents but also addresses significant back-end issues that previously hampered efficiency. Town Manager Steve Williams highlighted the challenges faced with the old site said, “It was so difficult to update the information that many people became frustrated and just didn’t want to fight with it, so the information was often outdated.”

The journey to this point has been extensive, involving dedicated efforts from both town staff and volunteers from the Communications Committee. The team conducted thorough research into hosting services used by other communities, ultimately selecting Civic Plus, a platform specifically tailored for municipalities.

Civic Plus’s specialized focus on the needs of towns and cities made it the clear choice for Belchertown.

Community input played a crucial role in shaping the new website. The Communications Committee conducted a series of town-wide surveys to gauge residents’ communication needs. These insights not only influenced the website’s design but will also inform an overall communications plan for the town.

Chris Martin, chair of the Communications Committee, emphasized that the site will be a dynamic, evolving project. “The site will be an ongoing work-in-progress,” Martin said. “In addition to the departments and committees regularly posting new information, we are going to be tinkering with the design and layout as we learn what works, what doesn’t, and what type of information people are looking for. That’s the beauty of a website, it is not fixed, and the Civic Plus platform gives us a lot of flexibility.”

The revamped website offers numerous features designed to improve user experience. The homepage provides easy access to critical information such as town news, upcoming events, and announcements. The navigation has been streamlined, allowing users to quickly find information on town departments, services, and resources. Additionally, the site is mobile-friendly, ensuring residents can access information on-the-go.

A significant improvement is the simplified process for town employees to update information. The new back-end system is user-friendly, reducing the time and effort required to keep the site current. This change is expected to lead to more timely updates and a more accurate reflection of ongoing town activities and services.

The website also includes interactive features such as online forms, event calendars, and news updates. These tools are designed to facilitate better communication between the town administration and residents, fostering a more engaged and informed community.

Ed Boscher expressed his satisfaction with the new site, stating, “We wanted a platform that was not only visually appealing but also functional and easy to use for both residents and town employees. We believe this new site meets those goals and will serve our community well.”

Belchertown’s new website represents a significant leap forward in the town’s efforts to enhance communication and accessibility for its residents. The commitment to continuous improvement and community involvement ensures that the site will remain a valuable resource for years to come.

Visit the new website at www.belchertown.org to explore all the features and stay updated on town events and information.

History happened here

BELCHERTOWN— The Belchertown Historical Association is looking for volunteers to give tours of the museum. The Stone House Museum was built in 1827. The house portrays family life during the years 1840-1890. The furniture, textiles, ceramics and carriages all belonged to local residents. The museum committed is offering a workshop for anyone interested to

training to become a docent (tour guide). The museum is a busy place and requires a lot of “people support.” Contact the historical association if interested and a date for the workshop will be scheduled. Please consider helping in the effort to share the history and to protect the treasures for future generations.

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OPINION

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



Hydrangeas in full color and full swing

A week-long visit to Cape Cod yielded more than fun on the beach and an appetite finally quenched of its seafood craving.



It was a gardener's dream to walk through town and take in all of the glorious container plantings and window boxes. Side streets yielded a peek at some incredible home landscapes complete with gorgeous big leaf hydrangeas (*Hydrangea macrophylla*), nearly everywhere you look.

They were just starting to come into their own when we arrived, but by week's end, they were in full, magnificent glory.

I read somewhere that the rainy summer last year followed by a mild winter has predisposed the plants to be overloaded with blooms here and now, and that they were. Some in shades of blue, others sported pink or purple tones and still some with flowers of each shade on one bush.

We've all heard about adjusting the pH will alter the color of the sepals, the showy modified leaf bracts. Acidifying the soil with aluminum sulfate turns the flowers blue, while making the soil more alkaline with lime will yield flowers in pink tones instead, all because aluminum ions are either more available or less available respectively.

That is the short of it!

I came home from this trip encouraged to try taking cuttings of my hydrangea bush. A hedge of them up by the road would sure be pretty.

The experts imply that the process of duplicating your plants is an easy one and now is the perfect time to do it. Taking softwood cuttings of hydrangeas is similar to taking cuttings of geraniums, rosemary or other plants.

It's best to find a stem that is not in flower. Start at the tip and count down at least four pairs of leaves, then make your cut with a clean pair of clippers or sharp scissors after that last set of leaves.

Carefully cut off the two bottom most sets of leaves, close to the stem. Dip the stem into rooting hormone.

If you are using a powder form, tap the stem on the container to dislodge any excess. The cutting can then be put in a four-inch pot filled with moistened potting soil. It's best if you make a hole for the stem with a "dibble," pencil, or small dowel, rather than pushing the stem into the media so that all of the hormone is rubbed off.

Once the stem is inserted into the pre-made hole, firm around it and mist with a spray bottle. Now, cover the pot and cutting with a tented plastic bag so that the cutting will not dry out and place it in the shade, outside is fine as long as you won't forget about it.

I like to keep them inside in indirect light. Check often, misting if wilted looking and watering if the soil is dry to the touch.

After about 4-6 weeks, check the cutting to see if it has rooted. It's best not to tug, but to invert the pot and remove the soil to see what you have for roots.

Sometimes you can "just tell" that the plant has rooted by its appearance. Maybe it is sporting new growth.

Once your cuttings have rooted and grown on for awhile, it's time to transplant them into bigger pots. I'm not saying we jump to a gallon size pot but maybe go up to a six or eight-inch pot and then go bigger the next time until the specimen is large enough to earn a coveted spot in your yard.

I can't wait to try this! Maybe you will too, and we can compare notes!

I can see the lovely hedge up near the road in my mind's eye already!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Will IRA withdrawals affect my Medicare premiums?

Dear Rusty:

I am a member of AMAC and learn so much from the Ask Rusty column.

I hope you can give me some information about a question that has come up in my family. My husband is retired and has reached Full Retirement Age. He is considering withdrawing money from an IRA to pay off our mortgage. We are wondering what, if any, penalties may be incurred on Social Security, Medicare and income tax. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Signed: Concerned Taxpayer

Dear Concerned:

Thank you for contacting the AMAC Foundation Social Security Advisory Service.

Regarding your question on the impact of withdrawing IRA funds, there is no impact to your husband's gross Social Security benefit. The amount withdrawn, of course, is considered ordinary income for federal income tax purposes and will need to be included as such on your federal income tax return and will therefore affect your federal income tax liability when you file the return.

Depending on the amount withdrawn, there could be an impact to the Medicare premium due to the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount provision. Assuming you file jointly, you will pay a higher Medicare Part B premium if your modified adjusted gross income is above certain thresholds, i.e., more than \$103,000

for an individual and \$206,000 for a married couple.

Please note that Medicare's procedures will not note this income change for two years, so if you make the withdrawal in 2024 it will not trigger the increases until your 2026 Medicare premiums. A change to your Medicare premium might also result in a change to your net Social Security payment at that time since Medicare is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment.

Also depending on the amount withdrawn, you may have to pay an additional amount on top of your Medicare Part D premium. The Part D adjustment amount is calculated based on a percentage of the Part D national base beneficiary premium, not on a percentage of the plan premium.

The Social Security Administration mails letters to beneficiaries, who currently pay a Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount and, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, are in a Part D plan. The letter explains the additional Part D amount and how exactly Social Security will collect it. You can contact SSA at 1-800-772-1213 or your local SSA agency if you have any further questions about your Part D IRMAA premium.

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Whip-poor-will

I received an email from a Belchertown resident, she said, "I have had a whip-poor-will in my yard for about a month."

She also said, "I hear the call every

morning around 4 a.m. and in the evening around 9 p.m. I have not had one for the past 10 years and am quite lucky to have again."

She said she lives in a quiet neighborhood and she was wondering if any other folks have them. She is fortunate. It has been many years since I heard the call of the whip-poor-will.

The whip-poor-will is ten inches long and are mostly heard calling in the evening. It is a brownish to dusk colored bird, which blends in well with its surroundings. In flight, the rounded wings and long tail are visible. They eat aerial insects and feed mostly at night on moths. They are nocturnal and rest during the day. They also eat beetles and grasshoppers.

The whip-poor-will nest on the woodland floor and lays two white eggs with gray or brown spots. Their call is "whip-poor-will," with emphasis on the last syllable. They inhabit open woods, canyons and dry, brushy areas.

Green heron and more

My daughter saw a green heron fly across Route 32 in Ware, near the power

supply at the town line on Thursday, June 27. It landed in a small, swampy area. Green herons unlike the great blue and blue heron has a short neck and legs. They have a blue-green back, reddish brown neck and chest and a long, pointed bill.

The week before she saw a family of raccoons near the pond across from Church Street. The little ones frolicked in the grass; it was the cutest thing. She also saw a pileated woodpecker at the Lucy Stone Park in Warren on a new section of trail. She said, "It flew ahead and landed on a tree. I've never seen one so close before." On June 29, she saw a pair of cedar waxwings at Hardwick Pond.

Loon facts

The Loon Preservation Committee provided this interesting information in one of their newsletters.

"Loons diving to deeper depths tend to spend more time underwater than those diving in more shallow areas. In a study of loons using Lake Michigan as a stopover site during fall migration, Kenow et al. (2018) found that loons diving to depths of 131 feet were spending, on average, 139

seconds, over two minutes, underwater per dive. In contrast, loons diving to depths of 65 feet in that study were spending less time under water per dive, 87 seconds, on average."

The article also said, "It can be difficult to quantify the absolute maximum amount of time that a loon can spend underwater, as loons likely have no need to test their limits during normal bouts of foraging. While there have been anecdotal reports of loons spending up to five minutes at a time underwater, the maximum documented dive duration that we were able to find in the published literature for loons was 219 seconds or 3.65 minutes. However, given that the loon that was documented making this dive was doing so in the process of normal foraging, it is possible (and likely) that under duress, loons may be able to stay under even longer, perhaps up to the fabled five minutes, or even more."

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

Sales Tax holiday approved

BOSTON— The Massachusetts Legislature approved Aug. 10 and Aug. 11 as a sales tax holiday weekend for Massachusetts. On those days, the Massachusetts sales tax of 6.25% will be suspended for most items that retail for less than \$2,500.

The holiday welcomes Massachusetts residents to visit retailers and small businesses around the state. A spike in consumer activity routinely boosts indirect tax revenues. According to the Department of Revenue, during the 2023 sales tax holiday,

indirect tax revenues due to increased economic activity were approximately \$3.54 million.

"I am glad to see the sales tax holiday be approved in the legislature today, giving our residents a great chance to get outside and embrace their local businesses and community at a little bit of a discount," said Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). "This annual holiday gives a boost to our small business owners and consumers, and I am proud to support this measure annually."

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remotely state there are issues with sound quality.

Selectboard Vice Chair Lesa Lessard Pearson asked what Comeau would recommend following the survey results.

He said that whatever way information is being sent out – it needs to be accessible via a mobile device.

"Whether it's the website...whatever we do we have to focus on the ability for people to use their mobile devices," he said. "Since we did the survey (the town) has created a Facebook page."

He said another strong desire from the survey is residents' need for transparency.

"They want to know what's going on, on a regular basis," he said. "They want to know early on in town and on a wide range of topics – activities, events, school projects, roads being closed."

He said one of the big questions for the Facebook page for example is who is going to sustain it.

Pearson said consolidating where the

information is coming from would be helpful.

Selectboard Chair Ed Boscher thanked the communications committee members for their hard work and asked that they continue in their efforts.

Website update

The website has seen a "significant upgrade is designed to serve as a central portal for information related to town events, services, and administration, offering a more user-friendly experience for residents," according to a press release from the town.

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The website is also dynamic, adapting to mobile device-users.

It includes a news section where residents can go to read "stories" published by "About Town."

Sponsors needed for upcoming Aug. 10 Lions Club car show

Belchertown Lions Club Seeking Local Business Sponsorship for its 1st Annual "Cruisin' the Common" Car Show on August 10.

In an effort to defray the costs (trophies, permits, entertainment, flyer printing, and distribution, etc.) the Belchertown Lions Club is appealing to our local businesses to have an 18 x 24" weather-resistant sign with ground stake custom-printed and prominently displayed on the Town Common during the event on August 10. We will handle the set-up design and printing for a donation of \$100 for this worthy cause--Breakthrough T1D --formerly The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Alternately, or in addition to the sponsor sign, businesses can opt to submit a gift certificate in any amount to be displayed for a Pick-A-Prize raffle, where attendees can purchase a sheet of 25 tickets...and place as many of their tickets

into whichever gift bags they desire.

If you are the owner or representative of a local business and would like to sponsor a ground sign or submit a gift certificate for this event, send an email to Lion Mike Mathras at mmathras@charter.net and you will receive the necessary information.

As you consider your donation, please keep in mind that all profits from the sale of food, raffle tickets, and sponsor signage at this event will go directly to the Breakthrough T1D (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), and because we are a non-profit 501c 3 entity, all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding the "Cruisin' the Common" Car Show in the Sentinel or visit our website at belchertownlionsclub.com or scan the QR code.



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Belchertown Police Log

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of June 19 through July 2. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 601 calls police responded to, there were 25 incidents, 13 accidents, six arrests/summons and 96 citations.

**ARRESTS/SUMMONS
ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS**

Wednesday, June 19

12:35 p.m. – A 30-year-old Belchertown resident was charged with speeding and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. An officer doing traffic enforcement on Boardman Road observed a black vehicle speeding. The officer stopped the vehicle, and the operator didn't have a valid license because it was nonrenewable. A criminal application was issued.

Friday, June 21

2:45 p.m. – A Belchertown man was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery.

INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, June 19

11:48 a.m. – An officer spoke with a person about Facebook posts of their photo. The person didn't know how another person online had access to photos or how they posted them.

3:05 p.m. – A resident came to station to turn in a bullet found in the roadway adjacent to their property. The bullet was placed into property.

2:13 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle was traveling southbound when the operator fell asleep. The vehicle crossed the fog line, struck a trash barrel, the side of a utility pole and the guard rail then turned over skidded for 50 feet on its roof. The vehicle came to rest in the northbound lane on the other side of the road. The vehicle was totaled and towed from the scene.

Thursday, June 20

4:38 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Hamilton Street. A vehicle traveling east on Hamilton Street and slowed to take a left turn into a driveway

when a second vehicle, trying to go around the first vehicle went to the right. The two vehicles collided. There damage to the first vehicle's door and the second vehicle was rendered inoperable. One vehicle was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

8:13 p.m. – An officer around Franklin Depot when they saw a dirt bike traveling towards the office with no registration plate. The officer attempted to stop the dirt bike. The bike turned left onto Pine Street and then onto Bardwell Street. The officer then terminated pursuit.

Friday, June 21

10:55 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Bay Road. A vehicle going west on Bay Road going around a curve on Stebbins Street when the vehicle collided with a guardrail on the south side of the road. The vehicle was towed, and no injuries were reported.

Saturday, June 22

8:10 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on Federal Street. A vehicle going east on Federal Street struck a mailbox and a stone wall. The operator passed out due to a medical emergency. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the operator was transported to the hospital.

Sunday, June 23

4:43 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on George Hannum Road. A vehicle was struck in a parking lot of a George Hannum Road business. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

11:46 p.m. – An officer took a report of a disturbance at a North Main Street business where staff were being harassed by people. There was a large group of teenagers approaching the side of the business and an employee was engaged with the group of teenagers. One of the teens thought one of their friend's vehicles was parked at the business but they were incorrect. An employee thought the teen was going to vandalize the vehicle, which started the verbal argument with the group.

Monday, June 24

11:05 a.m. – An officer responded to a report of property damage at a George Hannum Road business. The person came to work, and machine appeared to be broken. There was video footage of a vehicle damaging the equipment. They were advised the matter was a car issue and they would contact the insurance company.

3:05 p.m. – An officer to a George

Hannum Road business to help person who was scammed.

11:30 a.m. – An officer got a phone call from someone in Chester. The person said they were a lieutenant, and the person was told they had two outstanding citations, had two costs and wanted crypto in exchange. They put in money and shortly after realized it was scam. The person hung up as soon as the transaction was completed. An investigation is still open and there are no suspects currently.

3:02 p.m. – Dispatch took a report of a person who was experiencing abuse, and a report was filed by elder services.

4:31 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown Fire and paramedics with a medical call.

4:42 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on North Liberty Street. A vehicle slowed to turn into a driveway, and they didn't see a second other vehicle was responding to an emergency call with lights activated. The second vehicle struck the left side of the first vehicle and caused it to spin.

8:28 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle traveling south on State Street went over a pothole. A piece of the roadway was dislodged and struck the vehicle. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

8:59 p.m. – An officer took a report of a stolen boat. The resident said they kept the boat on a private beach on Channel Drive. It wasn't there when they went to use it. The boat didn't have any identifying features because it was small and didn't need to be registered.

Tuesday, June 25

8:08 a.m. – An officer responded to an accident on State Street. A vehicle going east on Bay Road stopped for a detail officer. A second vehicle rear ended the first. The operator of the second vehicle said they tried to break n time but was unable to stop in time. No injuries were reported, and one vehicle was towed.

8:19 a.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

Granby Police Log

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 160 calls for the week of June 28 through July 4. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, June 28

12:43 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle travel through an intersection without stopping for a stop sign at speed of approximately 30MPH. The vehicle was stopped, and the operator was issued a civil citation for failing to stop at a stop sign.

11:17 p.m. – A motorist reported that a utility pole and wires were down across the roadway. Officers responded and discovered that the vehicle involved fled the scene prior to their arrival.

Saturday, June 29

2:23 p.m. – A resident reported that their identify may have been stolen. An incident report was completed.

Sunday, June 30

10:08 a.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 60MPH in 40MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

11:45 a.m. – Two residents on Morgan Street reported that their mailboxes were struck by a vehicle overnight. An incident report was completed.

Monday, July 1

4:04 p.m. – A business owner reported discovering that a mower was stolen from Red Fire Farm's property. An incident report was completed.

Tuesday, July 2

1:47 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 64MPH in 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Wednesday, July 3

5:50 p.m. – Several motorists reported a two-car accident. Granby Police and Fire responded. one operator and their passenger were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening-injuries.

9:20 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer performed a random registration query. It was discovered that the registration was revoked due to no insurance. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a criminal citation for operating with a revoked registration and no insurance.



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Committee hears EV charging station proposal

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BELCHERTOWN – The Energy and Sustainability Committee recently held a meeting with a representative from East Coast Renewable Energy, and to discuss other topics within subcommittees.

The June 27 meeting was held by Chair Jacob Robinson, and he was accompanied by Vice Chair Frank Byrne, Clerk Chris Bambascus and members Joanne Collins, Patricia Krebs, Todd Perry and John Piekara.

East Coast Renewable Energy discussion

Guest speaker Nick Valorie from East Coast Renewable Energy came to the committee last week to share the many different electronic advancements that have risen in previous years.

Valorie gave the committee a description of how the electric vehicle industry has changed in the many years since they first appeared, they have only grown to be more advanced.

Valorie came to the committee with a grant offer of placing electric vehicle charging stations in the town, as well as donations of maintenance, and installation of these charging stations.

“Within the donation that I’d be doing with the town, based upon the equipment and installation, my company is also donating five years of cloud software,” Valorie said.

“One of the reasons...is the incentive is that that it requires charging stations to be open to the public and in working order,” Valorie said.

Valorie has come to the committee with an offer from East Coast Renewable Energy that includes “donating the cost of the equipment, installation, the extended warranty, along with the cloud-based software”, Valorie explained.

“This is going to generate money for the town, and get more people to spend money at the town, and get people into the community,” Valorie said

These charging stations will be able to located by people out of town through an app called Charge Share, which locates charging stations for electric vehicle users.

Other surrounding towns including Charlton, Auburn, South Hadley, Hadley, Ludlow, Chicopee, Palmer and Gilbertville.

By having charging stations in Belchertown, it will increase the number of people who will visit, as it provides a bridge between people travelling northward from Palmer towards Amherst, for example.

The committee members took the opportunity to ask Valorie questions about how the process will work regarding billing, and approvals, will work for the town to take on these new charging stations.

“I am confident that once these charging stations get installed, and the community knows about it, you’re gonna see the traction, and you’re gonna see the revenue,” Valorie said.

“Just drive by the Tesla charging stations, and think of the revenue, because you’ll be able to charge all vehicles,” Valorie said.

The committee took the time to discuss the offer brought by Valorie on behalf of East Coast Energy, and the details of the proposal that weren’t yet discussed.

“Our goal was to try and make it better...for the town,” Byrne said.

The committee will continue to discuss this matter in later meetings, in order to bring this offer to other people in order to get a better feel for if this offer is a good fit for the town or not.

Reports of subcommittees

The committee discussed various upcoming events, including involvement at the Food Truck Fridays and Farmers Market in order to be involved within the community in sharing practices in energy sustainability.

Regular business

The board discussed and approved of various adjustments and edits to past meeting minutes from May 16, and discuss various bills payable.



George the golden retriever loves to read his Sentinel newspaper.

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Meatball Sub Saturday returns

BELCHERTOWN— On Saturday, July 20, Meatball Sub Sale will return to the grounds of the Belchertown United Church of Christ on Park St. The food wagon will be set up right along the sidewalk, allowing customers to drive up, place an order, and have a freshly prepared meatball grinder/mozzarella cheese and sauce, a bag of chips, and a beverage in their hands within a couple of minutes for only \$10! Serving begins at 11 a.m. and continues until sell-out (which is usually about 2

hours.) All proceeds from these grinder sales, as always, will go to local charities.



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Planning to make a lasagna soon? Quabbin Hill Farms has got you covered with some homemade tomato sauce.



A host of options for meat and more from local farm, Austin Brothers Family Farm.

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These markets will contain anything from homemade pet treats, to jewelry, to candles, to fresh fruits and veggies, and more.

Since the 1970's, the market has been a staple to the community, and takes SNAP and HIC benefits, which is an important and valuable opportunity for the community.

"I have been with the market for three years," Brittini Robidoux, the director of the market, said. Today, the market had twenty different vendors, all local.

"My favorite part about the market is the sense of community and the vendors are the best. We have a lot of regular customers and seeing them and catching up is always great," Robidoux said.

Sarah Crafts Things, featuring beautiful handmade jewelry, Barton Beeswax Natural Beeswax Candles with wonderful scents, and Coldspring Soapery with its array of beautiful soaps and more were all available to purchase and use.

Sir Barks-A-Lor Homemade Dog Treats was also there and had fresh treats made from all-natural ingredients for dogs and cats to enjoy.

Austin Brothers Valley Farm had fresh meats and eggs to purchase, and Quabbin Hill Farms had some delicious homemade tomato sauce and fresh veggies.

"I hope the community can come to the market and just enjoy each other's company, have conversations with the vendors, and shop locally, knowing where the food and items come from," Robidoux said.

Residents are encouraged to stop by the market to pick out some locally-sourced produce, and beautifully crafted items.

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PEOPLE

2nd annual Julia's 3v3 Soccer jamboree set for Aug. 17

BELCHERTOWN — The 2nd Annual Julia's 3v3 Soccer Jamboree is scheduled to be held at the State Street Fields on August 17. The annual event is held in memory of Julia Haynes who passed away in March of 2023 following a battle with brain cancer. All of the funds the Jamboree raises benefit the Julia Haynes Scholarship Fund, which is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization founded by four of Julia's classmates that awards scholarships to Belchertown graduating seniors. Tanner Lockwood and Brooke Burrous of the Belchertown class of 2024 each received the Julia Haynes Memorial Scholarships in June.

Registration for this year's event is open until July 20 and is currently filling up fast. The event is capped at 80 teams with a max of 10 teams in each age group. There will again be food trucks, a DJ and some fun activities for attendees including a raffle. Those interested in registering a team or becoming a sponsor can get more details on the @julias3v3jamboree Instagram or Facebook pages or email the Committee at juliahaynesscholarshipfund@gmail.com.



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The annual soccer jamboree is held in memory of Julia Haynes who passed away in March of 2023 following a battle with brain cancer.



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Clara Lambert, of Belchertown, graduated from the FBI National Academy Associates, Inc. Youth Leadership Program in Quantico, Virginia on June 28.

Resident graduates from FBI Academy

QUANTICO, VA — Clara Lambert, of Belchertown, graduated from the FBI National Academy Associates, Inc. Youth Leadership Program in Quantico, Virginia on June 28. The 25th session of YLP consisted of 62 young men and women representing 46 domestic and international chapters of the FBINAA. Sessions are held once a year with hundreds of applicants from around the world. Clara represented the New England Chapter as part of the silver (25th) anniversary class.

The FBINAA YLP offers lifelong enrichment opportunities in support of exceptional young leaders' drive for knowledge and their desire to make a difference in the world, and their vision is to develop an influential community of socially conscious and service-minded leaders. This program offers 8 days of leadership and

fitness training as well as immersive experiences in, and around, our nation's capitol. Participants must have demonstrated high academic standards and good citizenship to be selected for this program. They participated in various classroom trainings and completed a modified version of the Marine Corps Yellow Brick Road, which involved completing a 5k obstacle course.

Lambert is a rising junior at Belchertown High School. Her future plans include earning a degree in biology/criminology and potentially joining the FBI as an agent or analyst. She enjoyed making new friends from all over the globe and working towards strengthening her leadership skills. Lambert met several agents and other distinguished people from the FBI that taught her enriching life lessons on what it means to have goals, values, and to be a leader.

Fiber Arts for a cause

AMHERST — Knitters and those who crochet are invited to join us for a nine-week series of meetings in July and August as participants knit (or crochet) for a cause. Join us in the Amherst Room on Monday mornings from July 1 through Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. through noon for the return of this popular knitting program.

In these sessions, we will be coming together to knit/crochet hats for babies and children who are in need. These items will be distributed through a variety of organizations. Come to as many sessions as you like. Patterns and yarn will be available, or use your own yarn

(machine wash and dry only). Please bring your own needles/hooks. Hats in sizes preemie through adult are welcomed. The group will be facilitated by Pam Ledoux.

Finished hats can be brought to the sessions each week, or dropped off at the reference desk at other times through Aug. 26.

Free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Janet Ryan at 413-259-3223.

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As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Day School celebrates the Fourth



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The Belchertown Day School held a parade for the residents at Christopher Heights Assisted Living of Belchertown on July 3. They paraded, sang and handed out popsicles to everyone.

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CAMPUS NOTES

Messier named to SUNY Oneonta's 2024 Provost's List

Aidan Messier of Belchertown, MA, was one of 257 students who earned Provost's List honors for the spring 2024 semester. Messier is studying Meteorology at SUNY Oneonta.

To qualify for the Provost's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

2024 Dean's List at Belmont University

Alannah Lavoie was named among the students who qualified for Belmont University's spring 2024 Dean's List. Approximately 44% of the University's 7,338 undergraduate students qualified for the spring 2024 Dean's List.

WPI celebrates 155th Undergraduate Commencement

On Friday, May 10, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) held its 155th Commencement. Nearly 1,100 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

The following students earned bachelor's degrees:

Allyson Floria, of Amherst, majored in Actuarial Mathematics

Megan Jacques, of Granby, majored in Robotics Engineering

2024 Assumption University's Dean's List

Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

Reighan Joyce of Amherst (2025)
Meredith Medina of Belchertown (2025)

Justin White graduates from Stonehill College

Justin White of Belchertown, MA, was among 625 students to process at Stonehill College's 73rd Commencement on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Amherst resident to graduate from Biola University

Charlotte Luddy of Amherst, MA will graduate from Biola University in La Mirada, CA this week. Luddy is one of 1,118 students walking the stage to commemorate their journey as an Eagle at Biola's spring commencement. A total of 800 undergraduate and 318 graduate students will commence from Biola into their next chapter on May 3 and 4.

Local residents graduate from RIT

Rochester Institute of Technology conferred nearly 4,500 degrees at all of its campuses in the 2023-2024 academic year. RIT's academic convocation celebration was held in May and featured remarks by Patricia "Pattie" Moore, a distinguished designer and trailblazing alumna of the class of 1974.

The following local residents received degrees:

Emma Waite of Amherst, received a BS in biomedical sciences.

Joojo Ampiah-Bonney of Belchertown, received a BS in electrical engineering.

Natalia Jacobs named to the Dean's List at Bates College

Natalia Jacobs of Shutesbury, Mass. was named to the Dean's List at Bates College for the winter semester ending in April 2024. This is a distinction earned by students whose grade point average is 3.92 or higher.

Jacobs is majoring in Environmental Studies and minoring in Dance at Bates.



Jabish Brook Middle School Term 4 Honor rolls

BELCHERTOWN— Jabish Brook Middle School names these students to their Honor rolls for term 4.

Honor Roll Grade 7

High Honors: Cecilia Bermudez, Adilyn Bottari, Nolan Chianciola, Charles Cozine, Maeve Donah, Patrick Gibson, Jackson Goodsell, Grace Gouvin, Zoey Hale, Helaine Holt, Greta Kristensen, Madison Lacroix, Harper Laurenzo, Piper Laurenzo, Josephine Lian, Amalie Martins, Max Matthews, Eleanor Mazzaferro, Annabelle Morra, Jada Okyere Baffour, Natalie Parent, Ava Stelmokas, Ella Stelmokas and Juliette Wojnas.

Honors: Madison Almeida, Matthew Almeida, Linnea Anderson, Lincoln Auclair, Bridget Benoit, Gianna Boisjolie, Lillian Boyko, Calvin Breyare, Kylee Burnham, Noah Carr, Quinten Chen, Lucy Cofone, Isaiah Covelli, Jillian Currier, Jeremiah Dahlke-Wheeler, Mary DiBona, Devin Duquette, Hannah Fillion, Michael Fontaine, Reid Fortier, Jake Foss, Shannon Fuller, Celia Goodrich, Vivien Haggerty, Callie Hevey, Natalie Hunt, Noah LaSante, Nathaniel Lewis, Nathan Loranger, Landon MacDonald, Madeline MacKenzie, Lily Mann, Charles Maurer, Jeremy Metzger, Sengchane Meyers, Jacob O'Connor, Janice Okyere Baffour, Joshua Page, Tayla Peterson, Mackensie Rodriguez, Annalie Roggie, Kierstyn Shaink, Ashley Siri, Avianna St. Peter, Tyler Stahl, Lucy Toner, Amaya Valentin, Lukas Versace, Gianna Viens, Lydia Wentworth, Willow Westcott, Kaelyn Williams, Jordan Winfield and Bradford Yacek.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Belchertown is soliciting bids for infrastructure improvements at Sportshaven Mobile Home Park including roadway, drainage, water distribution system, and sanitary sewer systems located at 370 Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts. This project is being funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities Community Development Block Grant program through awards made in the FFY18 and FFY22/23 award cycles. This project is also being funded through drinking water grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as well as the Town of Belchertown Community Preservation Act program. Additional funding for this project has been secured through a Community

Project Funding request through Representative Richard Neal. The Estimated total project cost is \$2.5 Million.

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, will be available electronically beginning July 10, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104, phone: 413-781-6045. Electronic copies may be obtained by contacting Sue Ortiz at sortiz@pvpc.org.

The project includes furnishing all labor, equipment and materials required to perform the Sportshaven Infrastructure Improvement Project, which is located at 370 Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts. The project includes, but is not limited to, abatement/demolition of existing mobile homes, utility improvements (water and wastewater), road-

way and drainage improvements and incidental items as set forth in the specifications.

Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid. It is the responsibility of the contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may

be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

Bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified or cashier's check, payable to the Town of Belchertown, is required in a dollar amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. A performance bond and labor and materials bond for 100% of the total contract price, issued by a satisfactory surety company shall be required by the successful bidder.

The Town of Belchertown reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to accept proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the Town, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received. Bids may not be withdrawn within 30 days of the bid opening.

The Town of Belchertown, through its Selectboard, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may

be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Belchertown will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

The Town of Belchertown Selectboard is the Awarding and Contracting Authority.

The submission and review of bids must comply with 2 CFR Part 200, MGL Chapter 30, Section 39M, Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities/Community Development Fund Program (EOHLC/CDF) policies, DEP and CPA policies, and other laws and regulations of the Commonwealth. Acceptance of any bid is subject to the continued availability of funds through the EOHLC/CDF grant awarded to the Town of Belchertown.

Questions regarding the technical specifications should be directed in writing to Timothy St. Germain at Fuss & O'Neill at tgermain@

fando.com. Questions regarding general bid information should be directed to Erica Johnson at PVPC, at ejohnson@pvpc.org.

A pre-bid conference will be held on July 30th, at 10AM at 370 Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, MA (Sports Haven Mobile Home Park).

Electronic bids for the construction of the Sportshaven Infrastructure Improvement Project for the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts, must be received by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104 by 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. 07/11/2024

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Edith Audette is focused as she possesses the ball.



Addi DiBona makes a stop on the ball.



Natalie Haluch looks to drag a pass away.

Field hockey summer campaign opens

SOUTH HADLEY – On Wednesday, June 26, South Hadley High School hosted more than a dozen field hockey squads made up of players from several area high schools. Among the participants are Agawam, Belchertown, South Hadley, Holyoke, Quaboag, and

Minnechaug. Teams participating in the league are playing short games every Wednesday for several weeks in an effort to get more repetitions prior to the fall season. There is also hope more high school players will come try out the game.



Dory Keeffe sends a pass away.

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PeoplesBank takes down Tigers in Tri-County action

BY TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—Since losing back-to-back games to Hilltown Tents at the beginning of the Tri-County League regular season, PeoplesBank has been on a roll.

PeoplesBank, who have won a total of 18 TCL championship titles since 1995, won their sixth consecutive game following a 6-2 victory over the Chicopee Falls Tigers at Cougar Field, which is located on the Holyoke Community College campus, last Tuesday night.

“We were able to score a couple of runs with some timely two out base hits in tonight’s game. Our pitchers also pitched well, said PeoplesBank player/coach Joe Ferry. “We now have a week off and we’ll finish the regular season with a bunch of home games.”

PeoplesBank, who posted an 11-1 win over the Tigers down the street at Mackenzie Stadium on June 18, entered



McKenna Cudworth takes possession of the ball.



Emily Durham fights a Tigers' player for the ball.



Eleanor Szlosek advances up the field.



Ava-Elizabeth Loughman tries to avoid losing possession.

Rams fall to Tigers

SOUTH HADLEY – In its final game before the Fourth of July holiday, Granby and South Hadley B met on the turf at South Hadley High School. It was all Tigers in the matchup as they defeated the Rams 6-0. Granby headed into the break with a 1-4 record. The Tigers are 3-1-1 on the summer. Games resumed earlier this week.



McKenna Zumbruski fights to take over the ball.

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SPORTS

Pioneers holding steady, notch more wins



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Aidan Kelly makes his way up the field.



LEFT: Scott Testori looks for a header.

LUDLOW – During the past two weeks, the Western Mass. Pioneers picked up more wins, defeating Albany Rush 4-1, Black Rock FC 1-0, and last Saturday, defeated Boston City 5-0 to go to 10-1-1 on the season. Their only loss this season came against the Seacoast Phantoms. Their tie is against Vermont Green, who they will meet in their final regular season game this Saturday, July 13 at 7 p.m.



Gianluca Cersosimo socks a goal kick away.

Quabbin League seeking to start fall league

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to start an eight-game fall program for the over-28 population. The league, which plays a spring/summer regular season with six teams for 15 games followed by playoffs, is hoping to continue the fun into the fall with a short eight-game schedule for interested players.

Preliminary details are still being worked on, but the league is looking to have four teams with six “regular season” games followed by a semifinal in the seventh week, and a final/consolation game in the eighth week.

The league will be a bit more informal than the regular spring/summer league with the goal being for players to have fun playing more baseball, work on field and batting skills through more innings in the field and extra at-bats, or potentially working on or trying out pitching.

As has been traditional in other fall leagues, the Quabbin League will likely be wood-bat only for the fall.

There is an interest form and survey interested players can fill out at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. The league is open to all current Quabbin league players as well as players from other leagues who are age 28 and over during the calendar year of 2024.

The league will look to keep the cost very low for the league with preliminary indications having the league in the \$40-50 range to play eight games.

Games will likely be held in the West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick area and are likely to be held on Sunday mornings, though a few games may be held at alternate times. Games are scheduled to begin in September after Labor Day.



Santiago Blasco Gomez looks to keep the ball away from an opponent.



Camilo Comi changes direction to avoid the opposing defense.

New player leads to Blue Sox to win

HOLYOKE— Blue Sox third baseman Kollin Ritchie joined Valley last Saturday for his first game of the season.

Ritchie led the way for Valley with a two-run 418-foot home run and an RBI double en route to a 11-2 victory against the Sanford Mainers.

Valley hitters walked three times in the first two innings, but they couldn't come around and score. Sanford walked twice in the first two and also failed to score. The first hit came in the third inning on a Caleb Shpur single.

In the third, Logan Hugo led off with a walk and scored on a Jay Bant single to make it 1-0 Valley.

Valley opened the game wide open in the bottom of the fifth. The first five batters of the inning all reached base and scored. Newcomer

Connor Misch hit a two-RBI single. Valley tacked on three runs in the sixth, capitalized by Ritchie's two-run home run.

Jared Davis hit a home run to left field and made it 10-2. But that's all Sanford could muster up. Valley scored one more in the bottom of the eight to make it 11-2.

Second baseman Mike O'Connor continues to see the ball well as he extended his hitting streak to 14 games.

Blue Sox starter Gregory Shaw earned the win after going five innings of one hit ball. He walked five and struck out just one. On the other side, Mainers starter Colton Trisch went three plus innings and gave up one run on two hits. The southpaw also walked five hitters but recorded zero strikeouts.

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Rookie gets win in 'Thursday Night Thunder'

THOMPSON, CT — Excitement returned to the high banks of Thompson Speedway for the second of three rounds of Thursday Night Thunder on June 27 in the quiet corner of Connecticut. In their first 50-lap, \$3,000-to-win showdown of the season, Danny Cates quickly took off to lead the start of the Thompson Sunoco Modified feature. Both the competition, and the patience, was fierce with the field running nose-to-tail, biding their time for the right space to make a move.

Two-time winner Jon Puleo was the first, launching around Cates in turn three and powering through turn four to steal the early lead. Keith Rocco began stalking Puleo, making his move to lead lap 8 but Puleo held strong, jumping under the multi-time Thompson champ to take back the lead with the cross-over. The battle continued until mechanical issues forced Puleo out of the race, giving Rocco the lead all the way to the checkered flags. Rocco's machine would be disqualified in post-race technical inspection giving rookie Isaiah Newcomb his first Thompson

Sunoco Modified win followed by Cates and Josh Carey in the top-three.

The Late Model division went green to checkered with Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Derek Gluchacki leading all 25 laps ahead of the pack. Ryan Morgan continued his consistent and competitive season to finish second with fellow former Thompson champion Brian Tagg taking third. Windham, Maine's Cole Robie and Riverside, Rhode Island's Connor Souza joined in to round out the top-five.

Sixteen strong, the Street Stocks began the evening's racing action, running clean and green until the halfway point of their 20-lap main event when Scott Sundeen and Austin Flanagan made contact in turn two with both cars being towed off for the night. One final late caution for a spinning 'Leadfoot' Larry Barnett couldn't slow the dogfight between Ryan Waterman and Corey Fanning in the final circuits. Post-race technical inspection removed Waterman, Fanning and Aaron Plemons from their top-five finishes giving Jason

Chicolas the win with Brent Gleason and Tyler Cinamella rounding out the top-three.

After the AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds were plagued by cautions early in their feature event, young point leader Tyler Chapman worked through the field to lead the final 21 circuits with Nick Hovey and Meghan Fuller rounding out the podium. Similarly, the Mini Stocks also had a rough start with defending champion Jared Roy quickly sifting things out to take the lead and the win with Ryan Pomposelli and Richard LaFlesh joining him in victory lane.

Thursday Night Thunder is back at Thompson Speedway for the third and final time in 2024 on Thursday, July 25 headlined by the \$3,000-to-win, Twisted Tea Midsummer 50 for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds! Along with the Thompson Sunoco Modified 50-lapper, the Late Models, AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks are back in action on Thursday, July 25 with a 6:00pm Post Time!

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their week off with a 7-2 overall record.

Lefthander James Flahive was scheduled to be the PeoplesBank starting pitcher in the second meeting of the regular season against the Tigers (6-4). He arrived to the field late and righty Mikey Rivera was the opener for the visiting team.

“Jimmy had a prior engagement, and he didn’t have his normal pregame routine,” said Ferry, who’s the PeoplesBank starting left fielder. “In my opinion, not only is he the best pitcher on our team during the past three years, but he’s probably the best pitcher in this league this year.

Rivera allowed a leadoff single to centerfielder Travis Kagan in the bottom of the first inning before retiring the next three Tigers batters.

“Mikey is a new player on our team, and he had the honor of pitching the first inning,” Ferry said. “He’s fitting in very well with us.”

Flahive, who was the winning pitcher, took over on the mound at the start of the second inning. He pitched the next five innings allowing two runs (one earned) on six hits with 10 strikeouts and no walks. Veteran righty Danny Gaines allowed only a double in the seventh inning.

The Tigers also used three pitchers in the game.

Righty Brendan Fournier made his first start of the season for the Tigers.

“This was the first time that Brendan pitched in a game for us this season,” said Tigers player/coach Ryan Magni, who’s also the baseball coach at Holyoke Community College. “I thought he pitched well in the first three innings.”

After not allowing any runs in the first two innings, Fournier, who also pitched at Chicopee High School, got himself into a jam with

two-outs in the top of the third inning.

Centerfielder Seth Allen began the two-out rally by blasting a double to deep centerfield. Then catcher Pete Hogan was hit-by-a pitch and right fielder Johnny Gegetskas drew a walk which loaded the bases. First baseman Dustin Brisson drove home two runs with a hard groundball single into right field.

Brisson, who played college baseball at Central Florida, was selected in the 15th round of the 2000 MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox. He played in 345 career minor league games without being called up by a major league team.

With two-outs in the following frame, PeoplesBank pinch-hitter Kyle Platner delivered a two-run single to right field off righty relief pitcher Evan Dougherty increasing the lead to 4-0.

The Tigers broke the ice when first baseman Austin Leclerc, who played high school baseball at Pathfinder Tech, blasted a home run over the left field fence.

After Allen hit a double that bounced off the left field fence leading off the fifth inning, Gegetskas smashed a two-run homer over the right field fence, which increased the PeoplesBank lead to 6-1.

It was the first home run of the season for Gegetskas, who played college baseball at Westfield State University.

The Tigers scored an unearned run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth.

Righthander Race Drobiak pitched the final two final innings for the home team without allowing a run.

The third meeting of the regular season between the two squads is slated to take place at Mackenzie Stadium on July 16.



Johnny Gegetskas rounds third after hitting a home run out to right field.



Dustin Brisson, of Wilbraham, catches the ball at first.

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Ryan Magni looks to field a grounder to short.



Austin LeClerc, of Palmer, catches an out at first base for the Tigers.



RIGHT: Sam Allen slides into third base safely for PeoplesBank.



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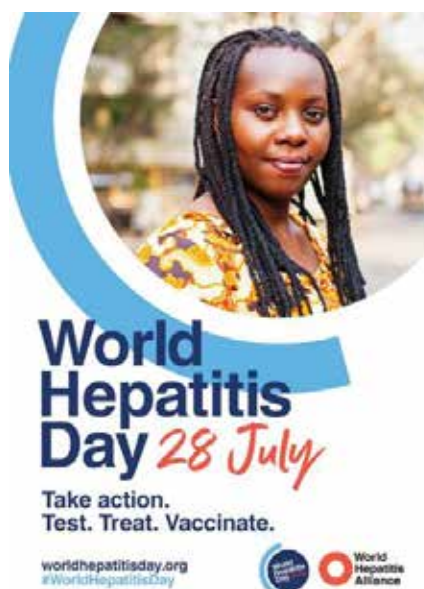
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BOSTON — Summer Eats, the Massachusetts Summer Food Service Program, is kicking off across the state, providing free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under. In July 2023, over 2.1 million meals were served across over 1,400 sites statewide through the Summer Eats program.

Throughout the school year, children in Massachusetts rely on free school meals to meet most of their daily nutrition needs. Summer Eats closes the gap when the school year ends, helping to ensure children and teens continue to grow, learn and thrive over school vacation.

Participating meal providers operate and staff meal sites, often in conjunction with activities and educational programming at schools, libraries, local park and recreation areas, and more. This year, summer meal sites are operating a communal model of feeding kids onsite. Grab & Go meals are available in select rural com-

munities. All are welcome. No registration or ID is required. Summer Eats can be accessed in conjunction with Summer EBT, additional funding for groceries while kids are out of school.

For more than 20 years, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and statewide food security nonprofit Project Bread have partnered to support meal providers in offering Summer Eats meals to children in Massachusetts. Throughout the school year, the nonprofit and DESE also partner to expand access to and participation in school meal programs. This year, Project Bread has granted a total of \$226,000 to 51 Summer Eats sponsors for their program outreach and capacity-building. During Summer Eats Awareness Week, Project Bread is encouraging community members to help spread the news about this free program statewide.

“Last week a mom of two called

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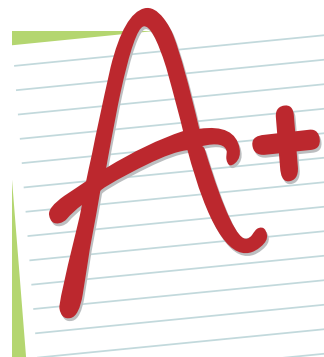
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Blue Sox beat Mountaineers

The Vermont Mountaineers (16-6) walked into last Friday's game with a 10-2 record since June 15, and holding the best record in the NECBL. The Valley Blue Sox on the other hand, after finding a possible turnaround in their season, found themselves on a five-game losing streak.

Holding a 2-0 season lead over Valley as well, Vermont looked to finish off the sweep and extend the Valley losing streak.

In the early going, the Mountaineers continued their narrative. Led by David Michael Jefferson, the Mountaineers jumped out to an early 4-0 lead, and the Blue Sox trends telegraphed how the game would result.

Yet this game was different

than the few in recent memory. After David Case was pulled in the fourth inning, after starting the first four giving up four runs off six hits, Will Newell and Chris Torres stepped in and led the Blue Sox charge. Newell pitched three and Torres the final two, they gave up a combined 0 hits and 0 runs with six strikeouts each. An unbelievable display of relief pitching from the Blue Sox, when their strength was needed most in

a season defining game, it showed true.

This spark was all the offense needed as well, with Michael Toth leading the charge in the top of the seventh inning, the Blue Sox scored four straight to tie the game. In the following inning, Chase Jans hit a double to bring Kyle Hennington home, giving the Blue Sox the lead they finished with.

In a gritty win to say the least,

it's one that will be looked highly upon as the season progresses. After crossing the halfway mark of the season, the Valley Blue Sox find themselves just a half game back now on the Bristol Blues for the West division crown. It will be interesting as the two teams still have 4 head-to-head matchups yet to come, but for now the Valley spirits must be high as ever, with hope pumped back into their season.



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